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## **Shred it and forget it!**

### **Attorney General's Office to sponsor Community Shredding Days**

**Wilmington, DE** – In an effort to crack down on the crime of identity theft statewide, the Delaware Attorney General's Office is sponsoring three "community shredding days" this June. During each of these events, free on-site document shredding will be available, and staff from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit will be on hand to share educational information about identity theft and to provide resources to victims of identity theft and consumer fraud. Consumers may bring up to three file-sized boxes of documents; the empty boxes will be returned immediately.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest growing white collar crimes in the nation," said Timothy Mullaney, Director of the Attorney General's Fraud and Consumer Protection Division. "Our community shredding days are a free service to help consumers reduce their risk of being victimized by safely destroying documents that contain personal identifying information, such as bank account numbers, social security numbers and birth dates."

Identity thieves use a variety of techniques to obtain consumers' personal information. A common technique is dumpster diving, where they rummage through trash looking for bank statements, bills, or other documents. Consumers are cautioned to safeguard themselves by shredding these documents before discarding them.

Each shred day will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, June 6, 2009	Sussex	Georgetown CHEER Center, State Social Services Building 546 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown (off Route 113)
Saturday, June 13, 2009	New Castle	Frawley Stadium parking lot 801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington
Saturday, June 20, 2009	Kent	Boscov's parking lot at the Dover Mall 1365 N. Dupont Highway, Dover

Shredding days are part of an ongoing campaign by the Attorney General's office to help consumers prevent identity theft and to assist victims of the crime. Learn more about identity theft by visiting [www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers](http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers) or call the Attorney General's toll-free Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424.

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